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JACKSONVILLE MEDICAL CLINIC ADMINISTRATOR AND OFFICE MANAGER
CONVICTED ON HEALTH CARE FRAUD CHARGES

Jacksonville, Florida - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez announced a jury verdict of guilty on all twenty-five counts charged in an indictment against Robert C. Brown, age 63, of Jacksonville, and Laurette C. Hunter, age 42, formerly of Jacksonville. Charges including conspiring to commit health care fraud, conspiring to make false statements in connection with a health care matter, and conspiring to commit mail fraud. In addition to the conspiracy verdict, the jury found both defendants guilty of twenty-four individual charges relating to allegations that they worked together to fraudulently bill private insurance companies. The defendants are scheduled to be sentenced on January 29, 2007.

Evidence at trial showed that Brown was the owner and acting administrator of RCB Inc. Medical Clinic, a local walk-in clinic in Jacksonville. Hunter worked at RCB as the office manager. From March of 2002 until September of 2004, Brown and Hunter conspired to fraudulently bill private insurance companies for patient services never

performed by RCB. Many of the alleged patients were billed for services every day, for extended periods of time, for services ranging from injections to diagnostic tests when, in fact, the procedures were never performed by doctors at RCB. Additionally, Brown directed Hunter and another RCB employee to perform medical tests on themselves in order to create test result print-outs to support the false claim forms submitted to the private insurance companies. In total, the private insurance companies reimbursed RCB almost \$2 million for false claims.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Susan Humes Raab.